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### Transportation

- Under the Communist regime in Rumania, salaried workers and "white collar" employees no longer enjoy the special privileges and reductions in train fares that they received in the past when they were provided with booklets entitling them to 12 or more trips at reduced prices. Even railroad office employees and workers are not eligible for reduced fares when traveling for personal reasons. However, if the trip is of an official nature, no fare is charged. 25X1
- Members of the Communist Party, Security Police, and the Militia travel gratis on Rumanian trains, streetcars and buses "in the interest of the service" by showing their identification cards. Fares on streetcars and buses are high, ranging from 65 bani for short trips to 1.50-2 lei for longer trips. The conductors on these vehicles either do not have the proper change or do not want to return it to the passenger. In this way, conductors manage to accumulate for themselves a sum of money each day. Consequently, quarrels between conductors and passengers are a matter of daily routine. 25X1

### Currency

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- The silver coins of Rumania are of 5, 10, 25 and 50 lei. There are also coins of one and two lei, but they can seldom be seen because they are often melted and sold for metal which is worth at least double value. Paper currency consists of bills of 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 25, and 100 lei. There are no bank notes of 50 lei. Bank notes of 25 lei are most commonly in circulation.

### Cigarettes, Tobacco, and Matches

- The various popular brands of cigarettes, and their cost, which are sold in Rumania are as follows:
  - Marasesti - 1.80 lei
  - Nationale - 1.20 lei

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- c. Republicane - 4.00 lei
- d. Aviator - 5.00 lei
- e. Carpati - 2.50 lei
- f. Bucuresti - 8.00 lei
- g. Tomis - 12.00 lei

5. The Russian-type cigarette, Republica, which has a long carton holder, is sold at 15 lei per package. There are also some deluxe cigarettes, packaged like the American ones, which are called the "Victoria" and the "Virginia". These cigarettes are very expensive and the average Rumanian cannot afford to buy them.
6. Tobacco is no longer sold in pretty metallic boxes, decorated with national Rumanian designs. In the past, this was a selected band of finely cut blond tobacco for rolling cigarettes. Today, there is one single brand of pipe tobacco, the "dohan", which is of very poor quality since it is mixed with leaves of beets. The cigars "Ardealul" and "Senorita" are predominantly made of leaves. The best Rumanian tobacco is now exported to the Soviet Union.
7. Matches are very scarce in Rumania. The production of matches is not only insufficient, but in every box at least a quarter to one-half of the matches have no phosphorus, and many of the sticks are half broken or even completely broken. Each box is supposed to contain 50 matches, but there are never more than about 30.

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